

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:**

**Please amend the Abstract as follows:**

The invention provides a A discharge control unit, ~~which can control~~ controls discharge from a discharge electrode at low voltage, ~~aiming at achieving~~ has a high density mounting based on downsizing of the discharge control portion and a decrease in production costs, ~~cause~~ eliminates electric leakage to ~~hardly occur~~, and has excellent ~~in~~ discharge stability. The discharge control unit includes: a heating portion including ~~one or a plurality of~~ at least one heat-generating bodies body and driver ICs electrically connected to ~~the one or a plurality of~~ heat-generating bodies and caused to generate heat by flowing an electric current to an optional point of one heat-generating body or selectively flowing the same to a plurality of heat-generating bodies; and a heat generation portion insulating film covered on at least the heat-generating bodies; and discharge electrodes, to which voltage is applied, disposed at the heat generation portion insulating film so as to correspond to ~~the one or a plurality of~~ heat-generating bodies; wherein discharge is carried out from discharge portions of the discharge electrodes selectively heated by the heat-generating bodies.